

**JOINT STAFF REPORT  
Fall FACT SHEET No. 2  
Columbia River Compact**

**August 9, 2002**

<b>Purpose:</b> To consider non-Indian commercial fishing options.
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**MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

- A Management Agreement for upper Columbia River fall chinook, steelhead, and coho has been reached by all parties for fall fisheries occurring in 2002.
- The 2002 fall Management Agreement allocates the 31.29% URB impact rate 23.04% for treaty Indian fisheries and 8.25% non-Indian fisheries.
- Non-Indian fisheries occurring during August will be managed in accordance with the "2002 Non-Indian Columbia River Fall Chinook Allocation Agreement" completed through the North of Falcon negotiation process.

<b><i>Excerpts From the 2002 Non-Indian Columbia River Fall Chinook Allocation Agreement</i></b>
<div data-bbox="194 959 1429 1379" data-label="List-Group"><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ URB fall chinook impacts in fisheries downstream of the Snake River are allocated pre-season at 4.36% to the sport fishery and 3.89% to the commercial fishery. The Columbia River Compact will use this URB impact allocation as guidance for making in-season management decisions concerning the Columbia River sport and commercial fisheries. Actual URB impacts in the fisheries may differ from pre-season estimates based on actual fishery catches, stock composition, and run-size updates. The <i>U. S. v. Oregon</i> TAC will update the URB run-size beginning in mid-September.</li><li>✓ Expectations for the commercial fishery include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An early August salmon fishery up to four nights during the first week of August with potential for fishing during the early part of the second week of August in Zones 2 and 3 only. During the first week of August, the open area will include Zone 1 upstream to Longview Bridge and an 8-inch minimum mesh restriction. Projected catch is 16,800 salmon. Chinook/URB impacts not used in this fishery will transfer to August Zone 4-5 fishery.</li></ul></li></ul></div>

- Based on pre-season run size forecasts and North of Falcon negotiations, the catch allocation for commercial fisheries occurring during early August is 16,800 chinook, including 2,700 URB's.
- Commercial fisheries during 2002 will be managed for a catch of 9,300 white sturgeon not to exceed 9,800 white sturgeon.
- At the August 2 hearing the Compact adopted a 2,000 white sturgeon catch limit for August commercial fisheries.

**COMMERCIAL FISHERY UPDATE**

- At the August 2 hearing the Compact adopted a salmon commercial fishing season consisting of 12-hour (7 PM - 7 AM) nightly fishing periods on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights.

- In conjunction with the salmon season a sturgeon vessel landing and possession limit of five white sturgeon per vessel per fishing period was adopted and green sturgeon possession was prohibited.
- Through the first two fishing periods landings totalled 2,701 chinook and 883 white sturgeon.
- Based on visual stock identification and fin marks, landings through August 7 have been comprised of 937 brights, 1,337 tules, and 427 SABs.
- The preseason allocation of 16,800 chinook was expected to be comprised of 4,600 brights, 11,700 tules and 500 SABs.
- Final stock specific catch estimates will be based on CWT analyses.

### **MAINSTEM FISHERY PROPOSAL**

<i>Joint Staff Recommendation</i>		
Adopt the following salmon fishing periods for the mainstem Columbia River:		
Season:	7 PM Friday August 9 to 7 AM Saturday August 10	(12 hours)
	7 PM Sunday August 11 to 7 AM Monday August 12	(12 hours)
Area:	Mouth upstream to Longview Bridge (Zones 1-3) during August 9-10 and Tongue Point/Rocky Point line to Lewis River mouth/Warrior Rock line (Zones 2-3) during August 11-12.	
Sanctuaries:	Grays River and Elokommin-A.	
Gear:	8" minimum and 9¾ maximum mesh size restrictions.	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon only. No sturgeon sales allowed.	
Expected Catch:	Up to 16,800 chinook for the entire season.	
Miscellaneous:	Quick Reporting Rule is in effect for Washington buyers.	

- ✓ The proposed fishery is consistent with fall Management Agreement and results of North of Falcon negotiation process.
- ✓ The proposed fishery allows additional opportunity to catch chinook with low URB impacts and no impacts on sturgeon allocation.
- ✓ The proposed fishery allows opportunity to gain information and collect data concerning salmon fisheries during the early August time frame.
- ✓ Moving the fishery upstream will minimize the likelihood of exceeding the 16,800 chinook catch expectation for this fishery.
- ✓ Prohibition of sturgeon retention is necessary to remain within the 2,000 white sturgeon catch limit and to allow some retention of white sturgeon during fisheries planned for late August.

### **Future Compact Hearing**

- The next Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday August 15, 2002 at the Commission Room in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Headquarters office located at 2501 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon for the purpose of reviewing salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon stock status and considering treaty Indian and non-Indian commercial fishing options, including Select Area fisheries.

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